

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., May 24, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on May 10, 1994, and the minutes of a called Council meeting held on May 17, 1994, were approved as distributed.

Councilman Rice and Councilman Otey brought to the City Manager's attention problems regarding pot holes and curb and gutter.

Councilwoman Grahame invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 30, planned by the Bedford City/County Museum and Bedford Main Street, Inc.

Mayor Shelton thanked Councilman Otey and Vice Mayor Vest for their efforts on Student Government Day. Mayor Shelton indicated that the student's Council meeting dealt with an issue regarding dress codes.

Mayor Shelton stated that the flag of France is flying outside the Municipal Building in tribute to the men of Bedford who lost their lives on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The Mayor stated that flag will be presented to the officials from France who will be in Bedford on Memorial Day. The officials will be asked to take the flag to the village on the Normandy coast and have that flag flown there on D-Day. Mayor Shelton stated that it is also planned to present a French flag to the local VFW in honor and memory of all the veterans, living and deceased.

Mayor Shelton stated that on May 27 and 28, at the Bedford Middle School, there will be a play production in tribute to Bedford's veterans in the D-Day invasion.

On motion by Councilman Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda:

Work Session - Fiscal Year 1994-95 Budget

Assistant City Manager Barry Thompson reviewed the proposed FY 1994-95 budget. Mr. Thompson also reviewed budget changes as a result of the first budget work session.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following public hearing notice:

NOTICE

SYNOPSIS OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1994 TO

JUNE 30, 1995

CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council May 24, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Hall of the City Municipal Building in relation to the budget for the City of Bedford for fiscal year 1994-95, at which time any citizen of the City shall have the right to attend and state his or her views. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection during normal office hours in the office of the City Manager and the Office of the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Shelton opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Mr. William Ludwig, Chairman of the City School Board, thanked Council for its support of the After School Enrichment Program. Mr. Ludwig asked for Council to provide financial support for the D.A.R.E Program. Mr. Ludwig read aloud a resolution passed by the City School Board asking for a gymnasium and associated facilities at the Bedford Middle School.

As there were no further comments, Mayor Shelton closed the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Transamerica Transportation Corridor Study was created pursuant to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Study is broad in scope and long range in perspective and focuses on a study corridor from California in the west to Virginia in the east; and

WHEREAS, the Study, as envisioned by Congress, is futuristic in vision and will consider emerging technologies and multi-modal opportunities for transportation; and

WHEREAS, the US 460 corridor is addressed in the proposed National Highway System as a STRAHNET portion of that system; and

WHEREAS, the technical corrections bill to the 1991 ISTEA legislation fails to name specific routes within the Commonwealth of Virginia in its present form; and

WHEREAS, the US 460 corridor from Roanoke, Virginia, to Norfolk, Virginia,

traverses a large region of the Commonwealth, which includes the area covered by the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, including the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell, the Cities of Bedford and Lynchburg and the Towns of Altavista, Amherst, Appomattox and Brookneal, all of which have a large underdeveloped potential for natural and human resources and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the US Route 460 corridor could present the least costly route through the Commonwealth, having a natural low-cost crossing of the Blue Ridge and not requiring costly bridges or tunnels to terminate at a deep water port, while greatly enhancing the largest area of the Commonwealth that presently does not have an interstate highway system to serve a population in excess of two million persons; and

WHEREAS, the US Route 460 corridor would certainly serve existing and proposed business expansion by locating them on a state-of-the-art interstate system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby declares its support for the development of the US Route 460 corridor from Roanoke to Norfolk as a part of the Transamerica Transportation Corridor and urges the Steering Committee for Study, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the General Assembly of Virginia and the Virginia Congressional delegation to lend their aggressive support to this effort and amend the Technical Corrections bill to the 1991 ISTEA legislation to so state this desire.

The City Manager stated that all of the jurisdictions in the Central Virginia Planning District Commission have been asked to adopt this resolution and most have already done so. Mr. Gross stated that this is a very long-range project.

Councilman Tharp moved that the resolution be adopted as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, many of our native sons and daughters now reside in far away places, but are constantly remembered here in Bedford, their native city and county; and

WHEREAS, we invite them to return to be with family and friends and to renew family ties and friendships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bedford that Saturday, August 27, 1994, is designated as

BEDFORD COUNTY HOMECOMING DAY

for a reunion of family and friends at Historic Avenel.

Councilman Brookshier moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

City Manager Gross stated that the City Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Department is requesting that City Council permit the closing of Bedford Avenue Extension from the Health Department to the Primary School during State Ponytails and Youth ball tournaments, on the following dates and times:

July 22	4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
July 23	4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
July 24	3:00 - 7:30 p.m.
July 25	5:00 - 8:30 p.m.
July 26	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
July 27	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

July 30	4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
July 31	4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
August 1	3:00 - 7:30 p.m.
August 2	5:00 - 8:30 p.m.
August 3	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
August 4	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

The City Manager stated that the street closings are needed to control the entrance of teams and spectators at the recreation field. The Police Department and the Fire Department have been notified and the Bedford Life Saving Crew and Elks National Home will be notified.

On motion by Councilwoman Grahame, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council approved the closing of Bedford Avenue Extension on the dates and times requested.

Council proceeded to hold a work session on the proposed Fiscal Year 1994-95 budget.

Items discussed included:

continuation of the After School Enrichment Program with Mayor Shelton suggesting that Council be furnished with reports on enrollment throughout the year;

Vice Mayor Vest asked for a report on declining state and federal funds;

Vice Mayor Vest asked for a report on projections for funding a new gymnasium/community center at the Bedford Middle School.

Mayor Shelton asked for a report on projections for the City's portion of proposed renovations to the Bedford County Court House;

Councilman Rice stated that he will not support the budget as it is presented;

the City Manager will furnish monthly updates on the projected cost of the consolidation study.

Council will hold another work session on the proposed budget at its regular meeting on June 14, and will consider the budget for adoption at the same meeting.

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. until May 25, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber for a joint meeting with the Bedford County Board of Supervisors.